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Junction Australia tenants celebrate new public housing model

A celebratory event for Mitchell Park tenants whose properties are now being managed by Junction Australia, a South Australian -based not-for-profit, will be held next Wednesday 25 November, recognising the early success of a new public housing model.

The State Government announced in May that it would transfer the management of 608 houses in Mitchell Park to Junction Australia. The official handover occurred last month and is part of a wider State Government policy to shift the management of public houses to community organisations.

Junction Australia, a leading independent provider of housing and community services, will deliver the core services of tenant and asset management, as well as community engagement with access to leading national expertise. Mitchell Park tenants are being supported to access Commonwealth Rent Assistance they were previously ineligible for. This will result in a significant increase in rental revenue without tenants having to pay any more out of their own pockets

Junction Australia Chief Executive Graham Brown said the community celebration, being held at the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club on November 25, is a way to say thankyou to tenants for their patience and support during the transition and mark the beginning of an exciting new era.

“The move from public housing to community housing is a new approach in SA and Junction Australia is very pleased to be leading the way. Our aim is to provide safe, well maintained homes within a healthy, inclusive community for the residents of Mitchell Park,” Mr Brown said.

“We provide much more than just a roof over people’s heads. Junction Australia works closely with other community service providers and will be undertaking a range of community development activities to help people engage with other community members.

“We have worked closely with our new tenants and look forward to celebrating our early achievements with them and discussing improvements that can be made in the future.”

About 200 tenants are expected to attend the event, which will include family activities, information stands by community service providers and a free barbecue.

The event will be attended by Minister for Housing and Urban Development John Rau, Marion Mayor Kris Hanna; and Junction Australia’s CEO and General Manager of Housing and Urban Development Scott Langford; and A tenant will also speak about their experience of the transfer of housing management.

Junction Australia is a trusted provider of quality, affordable housing and integrated community services that currently manages 1,700 properties across South Australia. We firmly believe that by working together we can take steps that enable people to navigate their way from ‘Crisis to Connectedness’. Our clients are supported to overcome barriers, access opportunities and pursue their hopes and dreams.

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